



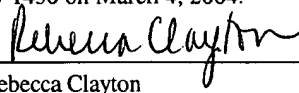
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In re application of: **Blandy**Serial No.: **09/671,877**Filed: **September 28, 2000**For: **Apparatus and Method for
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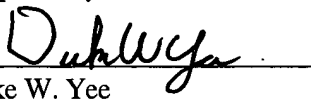
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In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.